Preliminary Amendment U.S. Appln. No. 09/748,215

REMARKS

As noted in the Advisory Action dated June 5, 2003, due to deficiencies in the marked-up copy of claim 6. Applicant submits herewith a proper copy of claim 6, to overcome the aforementioned deficiencies.

Additionally, Applicant respectfully requests an interview with the Examiner to discuss the issues associated the prior art, as well as any other remaining issues, prior to the issuance of the next Office Action, so as to expedite prosecution of this application.

Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are amended as follows:

6. (Twice amended) A resin pipe formed by injection molding from a thermoplastic resin or a resin compound based on a thermoplastic resin, said resin pipe [having]comprising:

an integrally molded projection that radially [protruding]protrudes outward from an opposite end of [its]an outer surface of the resin pipe to [one]an end of said resin pipe having a flange and a driving gear formed integrally therewith, wherein the sectional geometry of said projection is selected from a group consisting of triangle, trapezoid, curved object with a round top and a slope, and semi-sphere.